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VORBECK AGAIN FLAYS FLENTGE; WANTS ACTION

Candidate For Post Office
Outlines Another Chapter of
Charges He'll Prefer.

REBUKES CRITICS WHO PLEAD FOR FLENTGE

Says Job Is Too Important To
Be Awarded To Charity—
Wants Answer.

Dr. J. C. Vorbeck, candidate for Postmaster and nemesis of Edward W. Flentge, last night turned the batteries on that Republican official again. In a letter to The Tribune, he states that friends of Flentge want him to hold the job until his term of office expires because he needs the position.

He then relates some of the charges he is going to place against the Postmaster. He expects to have his report ready to be sent to the Postmaster General within a few days.

"I am waiting on some data to be furnished by some residents of this city," said Dr. Vorbeck, "and as soon as I receive this, I expect to include it in my report and file the document in Washington."

Dr. Vorbeck's letter to The Tribune follows:

To the Editor of The Tribune:
I am advised that a few of Mr. Flentge's friends are endeavoring to create the sentiment that he is entitled to serve out his present term on the grounds that to have him removed would be to deprive him of a job.

That regardless of whatever competent charges can be justly brought against him, that irrespective of the propriety with which ouster proceedings may be brought, he should be allowed to keep the job on the grounds of charity.

Now, of course, this is always a laudable practice toward those in need but it is seldom a good defense against prosecutions for violations of the laws governing the conduct of individuals and it is a poor defense for the friends of our present postmaster to offer against the well known plans for the speedy termination of his commission. These friends were recently advised why this action was not taken sooner by the Democrats.

I have found many Republicans, in fact as I find it now, the sentiment among Republicans has been almost universal on this one point, why are the Democrats permitting the postmaster to continue in office and at the same time occupy his time and energy so intensely, not only in other directions, but in creating a condition of unusual strife among the patrons of his office whom his duties are to serve without abstraction?

Had they answered this question with the presumption, that his cultivation of the friendship of several prominent Democrats very soon after the national administration changed hands explained his success in holding on this long, they doubtless would have been pretty nearly correct. There is hardly any other explanation to offer, for it is very doubtful if any postmaster in the land has been more actively engaged in the effort to shape the destiny of the local government than has been our postmaster.

Observe the two mysterious organizations advertised as the Men's Club and the Citizens' Committee and we have at least two working instruments which have grown out of the postmaster's pernicious activity in just one direction, and whether he spurred them to action or they spurred him, is quite immaterial, strife in the community, bitterness among those who should be friends and warring factions are some of the creations for which they are entitled to credit.

As far as I am concerned, the postmaster's magnanimous friends may look to Washington for the exercise of charity but the great majority of the patrons of this office simply ask for justice.

Respectfully,
Dr. J. C. Vorbeck.

SIX INJURED DURING DAY; MAN RUN OVER

Teamster Falls From Loaded
Wagon and Both Legs
Are Broken.

HORSE KICKS MAN FRACTURING LIMB

Frisco Employee's Foot Is Crushed
and Steel Sticks in
Man's Eye.

Numerous accidents of a serious nature were reported yesterday and all through the day the surgeons were kept busy administering first aid to the suffering victims of the unusually extensive list of emergency calls.

Activities were started when Jay Angel, a teamster, fell from his wagon on toll gate hill just north of the city, and had both legs broken when a wagon load of crushed stone passed over him.

Mr. Angel was standing and just as the wagon reached an uneven spot in the road, he turned to speak to Herbert Miller who was driving immediately behind him. As he turned he lost his balance and fell between the wheels, and before the team could be brought to a stop, the rear wheels passed over his legs breaking them both between the knees and the ankles. He was taken to St. Francis hospital where treatment was given him.

At about the same time, a physician was called to treat Harry Kage for injuries he had sustained from falling off a ladder, while engaged at some work about the dredging machines where he is employed as a watchman. While Mr. Kage was walking up the ladder a rung broke under his weight, and when he dropped, one of the pointed ends of the broken rung entered the muscles of his leg, cutting an ugly and dangerous gash.

Charles Brinkman, a Frisco employee was the next man to seek surgical assistance, as a result of having a small piece of steel fly in his eye while at work.

The eyeball was seriously cut, and the particle was so deeply imbedded that considerable time was required for its removal.

A little later in the afternoon, Thos. Jeffords, another Frisco employee, who works in the store room, had his foot badly crushed when a heavy sill that he was moving slipped off the roller and struck him.

He was unable to walk and was brought from the shops to Independence street on a hand car, and from there carried to his home near the corner of Thems and Main street.

Then followed the lull of several minutes before Sam Randol, a teamster employed by the Morrison Ice & Fuel Co., received a broken leg by being kicked by a horse.

The last report of accidents received was that of T. M. Bugg and William Mason of Vanduser who had their automobile wrecked near Appleton, while returning to this city from the Bankers' convention in Perryville.

Emil Hirsch, a young man 19 years of age, who lives with his mother at 1427 William street, was attacked by a highwayman Tuesday night at 10 o'clock within a block of his home.

Without any warning, he was struck in the back with a heavy instrument of some kind, and knocked down. He was rendered helpless by the blow, and could offer no resistance to his assailant.

If it is believed that the attack was made by someone who was familiar with the fact that the young man had been collecting rents for his mother during the day, and that robbery was the motive.

The young man had no money on his person at the time, and the thief was compelled to go away empty handed.

Emil could give no description of the man as he saw nothing but his form as he fled after the attack.

A fine baby girl arrived yesterday morning at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Hoyer, who live about six miles north of this city on the Perryville road.

S. E. MISSOURI BANKERS MEET IN PERRYVILLE

To Ask Legislature to Repeal
Banking Statutes that Con-
flict With Federal Laws.

WANT STATE BANKS TO JOIN RESERVE

McWilliams, Cape Farm Advisor,
Tells Financiers What This
County Does.

More than 150 bankers, representing the sixth group of Missouri bankers, met in a conference at Perryville yesterday for the purpose of mapping out plans to induce the coming legislature to revise the state banking laws.

The principal statute they expect to have changed is that which forbids one corporation from holding stock in another. This law prevents the state banks in Missouri from becoming members of the Federal Reserve bank which opened in St. Louis Monday morning.

If the legislature will repeal the old law or kill it by substitution, almost every bank in this state, it is said, will join the Federal Reserve. This would virtually make each institution a national bank.

Richard S. Hawes, vice-president of the Third National Bank in St. Louis and president of the Missouri State Bankers' Association, addressed the meeting, and urged the financiers to bend every effort to get all laws regulating banks, which conflicted with the Federal statutes, repealed at the coming session of the legislature. His object, he said, was to eventually make all laws regulating banks to be uniform.

He requested the delegates to draft a list of corrections needed in the state statutes and to send these reports to Clark Avery of the Merchants-Laclede bank of St. Louis.

The conference convened shortly before 10 o'clock and the morning session was taken up with the transaction of routine business. The delegates were entertained at a banquet given at the court house at noon by the State Bankers' Association. The officers who were present are: R. S. Hawes, President, St. Louis; W. P. Gordon, Vice-President, Marshall; Thornton Cook, Treasurer, Kansas City, and W. S. Keyser, Secretary, who lives in St. Louis.

Dr. McBride, one of the best known physicians in this section of the state, presided as toastmaster. Richard S. Hawes and Former Congressman Robb were the principal speakers.

During the afternoon, the bankers launched into the subject of better farming and urged those present to work in their various counties for the appointment of farm advisers. Cape Girardeau made the most complimentary showing in this respect. C. M. McWilliams, the farm adviser of this county, was present and addressed the meeting, illustrating the importance of the office and related its accomplishments. His talk was one of the most interesting speeches of the conference.

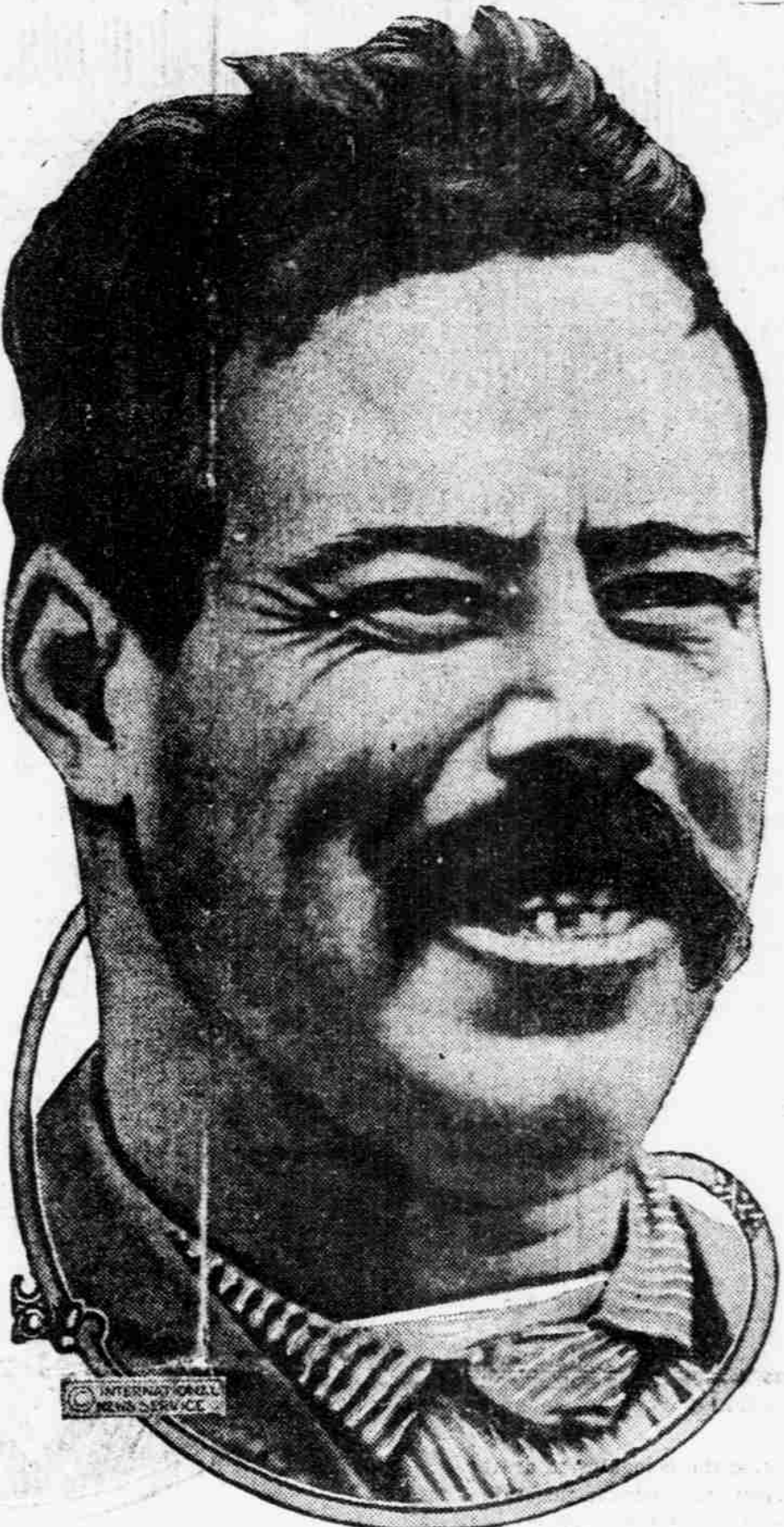
William B. Schaefer, president of the First National Bank, and Maj. Giboney Houck, a director, represented that institution at the meeting; W. H. Stubblefield, the Sturdivant, and Martin Bender and A. G. Kempe were present as representatives of the Farmers' and Merchants' bank. They were pleased with the meeting and Mr. Schaefer expressed the belief that it would result in changes long needed in legislation affecting banking institutions.

The counties represented at the meeting were: Perry, Cape Girardeau, Bollinger, Scott, Stoddard, Mississippi, New Madrid, Pemiscot, Dunklin, Butler, Ripley, Carter; Wayne, Madison, Iron and Reynolds.

T. M. Buggs and William Mason, both of Vanduser, who attended the conference, were wrecked at Appleton on their way back home last evening. They made the trip from Vanduser to Perryville in an automobile. They reached Perryville without a mishap and arrived in time to be present at the opening.

Shortly after leaving Appleton on

Bandit General Who Arrests Mexico's Newest President



PANCHO VILLA

Vera Cruz, Nov. 18—A message from Mexico City tonight states that Provisional President Gutierrez was arrested today at Aguas Calientes upon orders from General Villa. He is being held on Villa's orders.

WOMAN BURNED BY STOVE DIES HERE

Mrs. Ethel Etheridge, Brought
Here From Portageville, Lives
But Short Time.

Ethel Etheridge, a young married woman who was brought from her home in Portageville to this city yesterday morning suffering from burns accidentally received, died at St. Francis Hospital at 8:15 o'clock last evening.

Mrs. Etheridge met with the accident which caused her death, when her clothing was ignited while she was standing with her back to a large heating stove. Before she realized her danger, her skirts were ablaze and could not be extinguished until she was fatally burned.

She was hurried to this city for treatment, but when she arrived her condition was such that but little hope was entertained for her recovery.

She was accompanied by her husband, John Etheridge, and her father, Bert Harris, of Oran, both of whom were at her bedside at the time of her death.

The remains were taken to the Loberg undertaking parlors and prepared for shipment to Oran where the funeral will be held.

Mrs. Etheridge was 22 years of age at the time of her death, and of her immediate family is survived by her husband. Her parents reside in Oran.

their return, they struck a rocky incline and in descending the brake on the machine slipped and the automobile plunged over an embankment and upset in a ditch. The axel was forced through the wheel and shattered the spokes. The accident forced them to get assistance to get to this city, from which point they continued their journey by train.

ORDERS SWAMP VENEERING PLANT

Twenty-five Cars of Material
Ordered By Omaha Box
Company.

The Klesterman Veneering Company, with factories located in the southern section of this city, has recently received a large order for its product, and the force of employees which has been reduced to less than half for some time past, will be increased to its full number at once.

Capt. J. L. Stout, superintendent of the company, stated that he would have immediate need for at least 60 men in the mill and in the timber, and that the work would soon be running full blast.

Charles Sevik, proprietor of the Acme Box Co., of Omaha, Nebr., has been in the Cape for several days figuring with Capt. Stout on a contemplated order, and yesterday afternoon the deal was closed and a contract given for 25 carloads of specially ordered material, besides one carload of product kept regularly in stock.

Mr. Sevik accompanied Capt. Stout to the timbered lands from which the raw material is obtained for the mills, and after satisfying himself that the required quality could be furnished, he placed his order.

By the terms of the agreement, one car will be manufactured and shipped every ten days until the order has been filled.

Mr. Sevik returned to Omaha yesterday afternoon.

T. H. Beal, B. H. Held and H. Hill, three young men who arrived in this city a few days ago, enroute to San Francisco from Henderson, Ky., continued their journey yesterday morning. They are making the trip in a one-horse wagon.

EXPLANATION IS DEMANDED FROM TURKEY BY U. S.

Wilson Orders Constantinople to
Give Reasons for Firing at the
American Cruiser as it Enters
Port—American Captains are
Warned.

URGED NOT TO INVOLVE U. S. UNTIL ORDERED BY DANIELS

Emperor of Austria Decorates Wife
of American Ambassador for Her
Work in Behalf of the Austrian
Soldiers—American Ship Held.

Washington, Nov. 18—An official statement from the Navy Department tonight says that Secretary Daniels has sent a message to the captains of the Tennessee and North Carolina, requesting them to take no action that would involve the United States without specific instructions from the Navy Department.

The gravity of the situation which has resulted from the unexplained firing on the American cruiser caused the President to call a conference of his cabinet tonight. Mr. Wilson, it was learned, demanded a full report from Constantinople, but requested Secretary to warn the two captains against hasty action.

Berlin, Nov. 18—The Emperor of Austria today conferred upon Mrs. Frederick Penfield, wife of the American Ambassador, a grand cross of the Order of Elizabeth in recognition of her extraordinary efforts for the welfare of the Austrian soldiers. This is the first time a lady not connected with the Imperial family has been decorated by the Emperor.

London, Nov. 18—The American Steamer Kronland was seized by the British at Gibraltar and released and then seized again in the Mediterranean by a British cruiser. It is charged that she is carrying a cargo of munitions of war for Germany.

Tokio, Nov. 18—Unfaltering friendship and peace between the United States and Japan was the keynote of the speeches delivered here tonight at a gathering arranged by the American Ambassador in honor of the Japanese Commissioner to the Panama Exposition at San Francisco.

London, No. 18—The Official Press Bureau issued these additional lists of casualties: 272 soldiers killed, 239 wounded and 304 missing.

Berlin, via London, Nov. 18—An official communication issued today by German general headquarters says:

"Fighting in West Flanders continues and the situation on the whole remains unchanged."

"In the forest of Argonne our attacks continue successfully. French sorties to the south of Verdun were repulsed. An attack was made against our forces, which had moved forward on the western bank of the river Meuse near St. Mihiel, and, although, it was originally successful for the enemy, it broke down completely later on."

"Our attack to the southeast of Crevy compelled the French to surrender some of their positions. The Chateau Chatillon was stormed and taken by our troops."

"New battles have developed in Poland in the region north of Lodz, but no decision yet has been reached."

"The southeast of Soudan (East Prussia) the enemy has been forced to retreat in the direction of Hlava. Upon the extreme western wing a strong Russian cavalry force, which we defeated Nov. 16 and Nov. 17, has been driven back through Tilkallen."

Washington, Nov. 18—The United States cruiser Tennessee or her launch—probably the latter—was fired on yesterday by the Turkish forts at Smyrna.

Capt. Benton C. Decker of the cruiser, reporting the incident today to the Navy Department, gave no details of the firing, but added that fears had been felt for the safety of the American consulate.

While awaiting further reports from Capt. Decker, and others from Ambassador Morgenthau and Consul-General Horton, officials here have two theories. One is that the cruiser may have been sending a guard ashore to protect the consulate and American and other foreigners. They draw this from Capt. Decker's statement that fears had been felt for the safety of the consulate. The other is that Capt. Decker had called on Consul-General Horton, who, after returning the call, was being taken back to shore by the cruiser's launch, which may have been returning after hours of entry, which are very strict.

Before regarding the firing on the American ship as a hostile act, officials here are inclined to await further reports and hold to the belief that it might have been a misunderstanding or the act of some local official which will quickly be corrected in Constantinople.

Capt. Decker reported to Secretary Daniels that while proceeding from Vourlah to Smyrna to make an official call the vessel was fired on.

Secretary Daniels, in a statement on the incident, said: "The Tennessee proceeded to and left Vourlah at the request of Ambassador Morgenthau and is now anchored in the harbor of Schio (Chios), from which Capt. Decker's telegram was sent."

Secretary Daniels has called upon Capt. Decker to forward immediately a full report of the incident.

Capt. Decker's report confirming last night's news dispatches, which officials here believed were inaccurate, left them today in a state of amazed wonder. Every effort is being made to get more complete reports of the incident from the Tennessee's commander. His report does not say whether the Tennessee or her launch, as was reported in news dispatches was fired on.

Secretary Daniels in discussing the matter said:

"The information we have at the present time is indefinite. That a shot was fired is all that we know. Whether it was fired with hostile intent or as a warning is yet to be explained by Capt. Decker. Smyrna is now a closed port. The presumption is that it is mined. The land forts may have fired a shot either to prevent the launch—or even possibly the Tennessee itself—from entering the harbor or from running on a mine field. I hope that this may be the case. But in any event we cannot take any steps in the matter until we have the official facts before us."

President Wilson anxiously awaited all information on the subject. He directed that all reports received be sent directly to him. Incidentally it was learned that he expressed confidence that the occurrence would not become an international incident.

A rumor received here via Montreal that Ambassador Morgenthau had demanded his passports was characterized at both the State Department and the White House as utterly absurd.